



Investigating officers will collect evidence such as false identification, receipts, bags, labels, matches, and statements of witnesses to attempt to determine where the alcoholic beverages were obtained.

When we identify where someone may have illegally bought or have been served an alcoholic beverage by a DABC-licensed establishment, we will notify the DABC as soon as possible so they may start the administrative action process. If the DABC determines that a liquor outlet illegally provided alcohol to an individual under 21 or served an intoxicated person, the Department will suspend or revoke the liquor license of the business. Individuals found to have illegally provided alcohol to minors will be referred to local authorities for criminal prosecution.

Basic Criteria for TRACE Investigation (do not need all three)

- Minor(s) involved
- Alcohol-related fatality or serious injury
- Alcohol served to an intoxicated person

## UTAH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT TEAM

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*Inform dispatch you need help with a TRACE investigation.*



### Adult Provides Alcohol – Two Teens Die

A 41-year-old woman hosted a party and provided alcohol to a group of minors. When an 18-year-old left the party, he ran a stop sign and crashed — killing two of the teenaged passengers and severely injuring the others in the car. Following a TRACE investigation, the woman who provided the alcohol at the party was prosecuted and sent to jail.

***Utah TRACE can help you hold violators of state liquor laws accountable, too.***



**State of Utah**

**Department Of Public Safety**

# The Utah TRACE Program

The Utah Department of Public Safety (DPS) recognizes the importance of doing everything possible to limit the number of “alcohol-connected emergencies.”

One way to do this is by conducting investigations to discover the source of the alcohol that may have contributed to the incident.

To achieve this reduction and provide a safer and more secure environment, DPS adopted the Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies (TRACE) Program. TRACE aims to hold the provider of the alcohol accountable if any state laws or state liquor license agreements were violated. These investigations can affect the liquor license status of establishments through administrative action by the Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (DABC) and can also provide a way for victims of these incidents to seek recourse.

By holding individuals and establishments accountable, we can reduce the number of these incidents. You can help the victims of such crimes by notifying us as soon as possible after an incident so we can initiate an investigation.



## WHAT IS UTAH TRACE?

The Utah Highway Patrol’s Alcohol Enforcement Team is responsible for enforcing the laws related to

alcoholic beverages in the state.

We ask to be notified immediately of any death or injury involving underage drinking, or of any adult involved in an alcohol-related fatality, so members of the team can initiate a TRACE investigation.

We pursue accountability for violations regardless of the source of alcohol.

In a TRACE investigation into alcohol-connected crashes and incidents, our agents will pursue a line of questioning to identify where the alcoholic beverages were purchased or served. The TRACE investigation will

not interfere with the local law enforcement agency’s investigation of the incident.

When conducting TRACE investigations, we will seek information regarding any violation of state law or state liquor license agreements. These violations could include providing or serving alcohol to minors or serving to an intoxicated person.

*“It is time that we look closely at how to support those hurt or devastated during these incidents. You worry about the criminal action and we will support that by pursuing the civil process for the victims.”*

— LT. RICH CHRISTIANSON, STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION